

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/619,536  
Filing Date: July 15, 2003  
Applicant: Stephen B. Walulik et al  
Group Art Unit: 3733  
Examiner: Anuradha Ramana  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR THE EXTERNAL  
FIXATION AND CORRECTION OF BONE  
Attorney Docket: 5490E-000285

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION FILED WITH RCE  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 9, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicant hereby petitions under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.